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REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application. Claims 11-17 were withdrawn from consideration due to an election requirement. Claims 1, 3-6, and 9-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ganser et al. (6,550,856). Claims 18 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ganser et al. (6,550,856). Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ganser (6,550,856) in view of Ishibashi (4,657,297).

Claims 2, 7 and 20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

In response to the Office Action, claims 2 and 20 have been cancelled. Claim 2 has been incorporated into claim 1 and claim 20 has been incorporated into claim 18, and include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 7 has been rewritten in independent form.

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CONCLUSION

The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for his assistance. The application is now in condition for allowance and expeditious notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments that would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

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